

Governor's Family Violence Council Meeting
Staffed by the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services
Wednesday, January 5, 2022
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

Participating Members:

Jeanne Yeager, Chair
Dorothy Lennig, Esq., Vice-Chair
Lillian Agbeyegbe
Heather Amador for V. Glenn Fueston, Jr.
Lillian Agbeyegbe
Senator Mary Beth Carozza
Molli Cole for Delegate Haven Shoemaker
Reverend Lawrence Crabtree
Debbie Feinstein, Esq.
Lt. Diane Hansen for Superintendent Colonel Woodrow W. Jones III
Lisae Jordan, Esq. for Delegate Kriselda Valderrama
Senator Susan Lee
Dr. Pamela Love Manning
John McGinnis for Superintendent Mohammed Choudhury
Lisa Nitsch
Leslye Orloff
Scott Patterson, Esq.
Jennifer Pollitt-Hill
Stacey Rice, Esq.
Laure Ruth, Esq.
David Shultie
Carrie Williams, Esq. for Attorney General Brian Frosh
Dave Wolinski for Secretary Robert Green

Guests:

Carol Caiazzo, P.A.N.D.A.
LaTisha Carter, My Covenant Place
Krittika Ghosh, Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project
Michael Lore, Maryland General Assembly
Amanda Rodriguez, TurnAround, Inc.
Melanie Shapiro, Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence
David Williams, P.A.N.D.A.

Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services Staff:

Rebecca Allyn

I. Welcome & Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:01 a.m. Ms. Allyn conducted a roll call and guests introduced themselves. Ms. Allyn introduced Senator Mary Beth Carozza as a newly appointed Council member.

II. Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services Updates

Ms. Allyn informed members that the Office has received Family Violence and Prevention Services ARPA funding. The funds can be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 virus to increase access to COVID-19 testing, vaccines, and mobile health units to mitigate the spread of the virus and increase supports for domestic violence survivors and their dependents. There is about \$6 million available and the Office is currently brainstorming the proposal with stakeholders. Performance Incentive Grant Fund (PIGF) applications are currently under review. Continuation awards will be provided for Maryland Victims of Crime (MVOC) grantees so long as they are in good standing. The Office is evaluating if a NOFA will be issued for the Legal Services for Crime Victims (LSCV) program.

Ms. Allyn shared that certification for the Domestic Violence Central Repository will open this week. This certification allows domestic violence programs and other eligible organizations to have access to shielded protective orders..

III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the October 2021 Council meeting were provided to members and guests. Members identified one correction to be made - in section VI, "dense" should be "defense." Ms. Yeager made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction; Senator Lee seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the corrected minutes were approved.

IV. Presentations

a. Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project (DVRP)

DVRP serves Asian/Pacific Islander survivors in DC, Maryland and Virginia. Ms. Ghosh shared that the [DVRP](#) has three main programs: survivor services, community outreach, and technical assistance. The survivor services program includes a confidential helpline, case management, and language support. Outreach and training initiatives focus on educational and healing toolkits and materials, community education workshops, art-based healing events/workshops, and capacity development training.

b. P.A.N.D.A.

[P.A.N.D.A.](#) (Prevent Abuse and Neglect through Dental Awareness) is an educational program designed to train dentists, dental hygienists, and other professionals to recognize and report or refer suspected cases of abuse and neglect in Maryland. Ms. Caiazzo shared information on the origin of the Coalition, and their legislative initiatives.

V. Workgroup Updates

a. Abuser Not Meeting Conditions of Court Orders Workgroup

The workgroup met in December and reviewed the AIP data provided by the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. The workgroup requested the number of

offenders with AIP as a condition of probation, number of offenders who fail to complete AIP within probation period, and the number of offenders who were violated for failure to complete AIP within probation period (of those, number of offenders where probation was continued, revoked, or closed, as well as number of offenders with failure to complete AIP or AIP condition removed) for August 2020-October 2021. The data provided only included 18 cases. The workgroup has identified that the new data fields are not being used, and DPSCS is beginning to train agents on the new fields in order to better track AIP data and hold abusers accountable. The next workgroup meeting is scheduled for January 27.

b. Abuse Intervention Program (AIP) Workgroup

The Workgroup met last month and continued the MOU discussion. Members agreed that the move to requiring a MOU between an AIP and domestic violence programs should be addressed with the domestic violence programs. Ms. Pollitt-Hill will coordinate a meeting with the domestic violence programs on January 18.

VI. Legislation

Members discussed legislation that will be introduced this session.

- [House Bill 110/Senate Bill 429](#) - Criminal Law - Stalking - Penalties: Altering the penalties for stalking if the victim had a protective order in effect against the defendant at the time of the offense or the defendant had previously been convicted of stalking.
- [House Bill 148](#) - Criminal Law - Stalking - Definition: Altering the definition of stalking to include conduct which occurs in person, through electronic communication, or through the use of a device that can pinpoint or track the location of another without the person's knowledge or consent.
- [House Bill 153/Senate Bill 33](#) - Criminal Law - Sexual Crimes - Fourth-Degree Sexual Offense and Spousal Defense: Altering the definition of "sexual contact"; and repealing a certain prohibition on prosecuting a person for rape or a certain sexual offense against a victim who was the person's legal spouse at the time of the alleged rape or sexual offense
- [Senate Bill 20](#) - Authorizing the court to admit into evidence in certain criminal proceedings certain out of court statements made by a child who is under the age of 13 years and the alleged victim or a witness in a case concerning a crime of violence, subject to certain requirements.
- [Senate Bill 134](#) - Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission - Training Requirements - Electronic Stalking: Requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to require certain entrance-level and in-service police training conducted by the State and each county and municipal police training school to include certain training related to the criminal laws concerning stalking as they pertain to electronic surveillance or tracking, including services available to victims, related prevention methods for victims, and how victims may request additional assistance to identify and preserve digital evidence.

Ms. Allyn informed members that if there were any bills that they wanted the Council to consider supporting or opposing, that they should send the bill information to her as soon as possible for review.

VII. Old/New Business

House of Ruth Maryland will be hosting the [Maryland Abuse Intervention Training](#) on March 28-31.

VIII. Adjournment

Ms. Yeager made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Orloff seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:25 a.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

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